The American Legion  
High School Oratorical Scholarship Program  
~ A Constitutional Speech Contest ~  

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
Friday, March 6, 2020  
Crowne Plaza—Springfield  

**PRE-CONTEST/CONTESTANT ORIENTATION**

4:00 PM—4:30 PM

**Contestant Registration: Crowne Plaza—Level 1**

- Registration will take place at the Crowne Plaza—Level 1 inside Plaza A/B  
  ⇒ *Please be prompt as there is much to do in a short amount of time.*
- Contest Forms, and copy of your 8-10 minute prepared speech **MUST** be turned at this time.
  ⇒ *Oratorical Program assistant located at the registration table to collect. Please have these ready -
  1) copy of Prepared Oration;  2) Completed Biography form;  3) Signed Waiver of Claim.*
- Contestants receives Oratorical Contest Welcome packet.

4:30 PM—5:30 PM

**Pre-Contest Orientation: Instructor: Joy Wilson, Oratorical Program Coordinator**

- A pre-contest orientation will be held in Plaza A/B, located on the Plaza Level 1 of the Crowne Plaza.

**Agenda:**

⇒ Introduction and Greetings from Legion Officials  
⇒ Introduction of Contestants  
⇒ Rules & Regulations of the Department Final Oratorical Contest  
⇒ What to expect during the contests  
⇒ Discussion of the Prepared Oration and Assigned Topics  
⇒ Award Ceremony(s)  
⇒ Meals and Hotel  
⇒ Brief Q & A

5:30 PM—6:00 PM

**Tour of Oratorical Contest Room:**

- Immediately following the pre-contest orientation contestants are encouraged to tour the path from the holding rooms to the contest room. The official contest moderator and Americanism Chairmen will be in the hall to answer any questions.

6:00 PM

**Pizza Party: Crowne Plaza—Level 1—Plaza C/D**

- Immediately following the Tour of Oratorical Contest rooms an invitation only Pizza Party and Reception honoring all contestants will be held in Plaza C/D.
- This invitation only party is for the contestant, and 1(one) chaperone. **2 (two) tickets will be provided in the Contestants Oratorical Welcome packet.**
- Extra Pizza Party tickets are available for additional family members and special guests at the cost of $20.00 per person. **Advanced reservations and payment is REQUIRED. Contact Joy Wilson, Oratorical Program Coordinator to reserve and purchase tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 21, 2020.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This schedule is subject to change. Changes, if necessary, shall be announced.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Saturday, March 7, 2020
Crowne Plaza—Springfield

ORATORICAL FINALS CONTEST

6:30 AM
ORATORICAL CONTEST OFFICIALS REPORT:
⇒ Official Dept. Oratorical Contest Staff report to Conference Level—Lincoln Board Room.
⇒ Divisions 1st—5th Americanism Chairmen report to Conference Level—Lincoln Board Room for assignment.

7:15 AM
JUDGES & TIMEKEEPERS REPORT:
⇒ Finals Contest Judges report to the Conference Level—Governor Conference Room (aka: Judges Room) for final briefing & contest instructions, and pick-up judges supplies.
⇒ Finals Contest Timekeepers report to the Conference Level—Governor Conference Room (aka: Judges Room) for final briefing & contest instructions, and pick-up timekeeper supplies.

CONTESTANTS, MODERATOR & ESCORTS REPORT:
⇒ Finals Contestants report to Plaza—C located on Plaza Level 1.
⇒ Finals Contest Moderator report to Plaza—C located on Plaza Level 1 for drawing of speaking order and write the title of the Contestants Oration in the Contest Moderator’s Oratorical Script.
⇒ Finals Contest Escorts report to Plaza—C located on Plaza Level 1 to be assigned to contestants.

SPECIAL NOTE: Only the Assigned Oratorical Program Officials will be allowed in ANY of the Holding Rooms throughout the contest.

8:00 AM
ORATORICAL FINALS CONTEST BEGINS
Plaza A/B located on Plaza Level 1. ALL are Welcome to attend.

10:30 AM
TABULATORS REPORT:
⇒ Final Contest Tabulators report to Conference Level—Lincoln Board Room.

1:15 PM
ORATORICAL FINALS CONTEST CONCLUDES
(approx.)

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to uncertainty of times, schedule allowances ARE needed for the conclusion of the Final Contest. Lunch will be ready and served in the Rosewood dining room located in the Crowne Plaza on Ballroom Level 2. The times are listed as a guideline of approximate finish of the Oratorical Finals Contest, along with start of the Finals Contest Awards Ceremony. An announcement shall be made to all of when to re-assemble in Plaza A/B located on Plaza Level 1. We sincerely thank you in advance for your patience.

3:30 PM
FINAL CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY:
(approx.)
Plaza Level 1—Plaza A/B
⇒ Final Contestants, Contest Officials and guests are asked to re-assemble in Plaza A/B for the Finals Contest Award Ceremony. Announcements and award presentations shall be made. The Department Finals First place winner shall advance to the American Legion National Oratorical Competition representing The American Legion, Department of Illinois

4:00 PM
CAKE RECEPTION:
(approx.)
Plaza Level 1—Plaza-C/D
⇒ A celebratory cake reception is provided by The Americanism Commission. ALL are Welcome.

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